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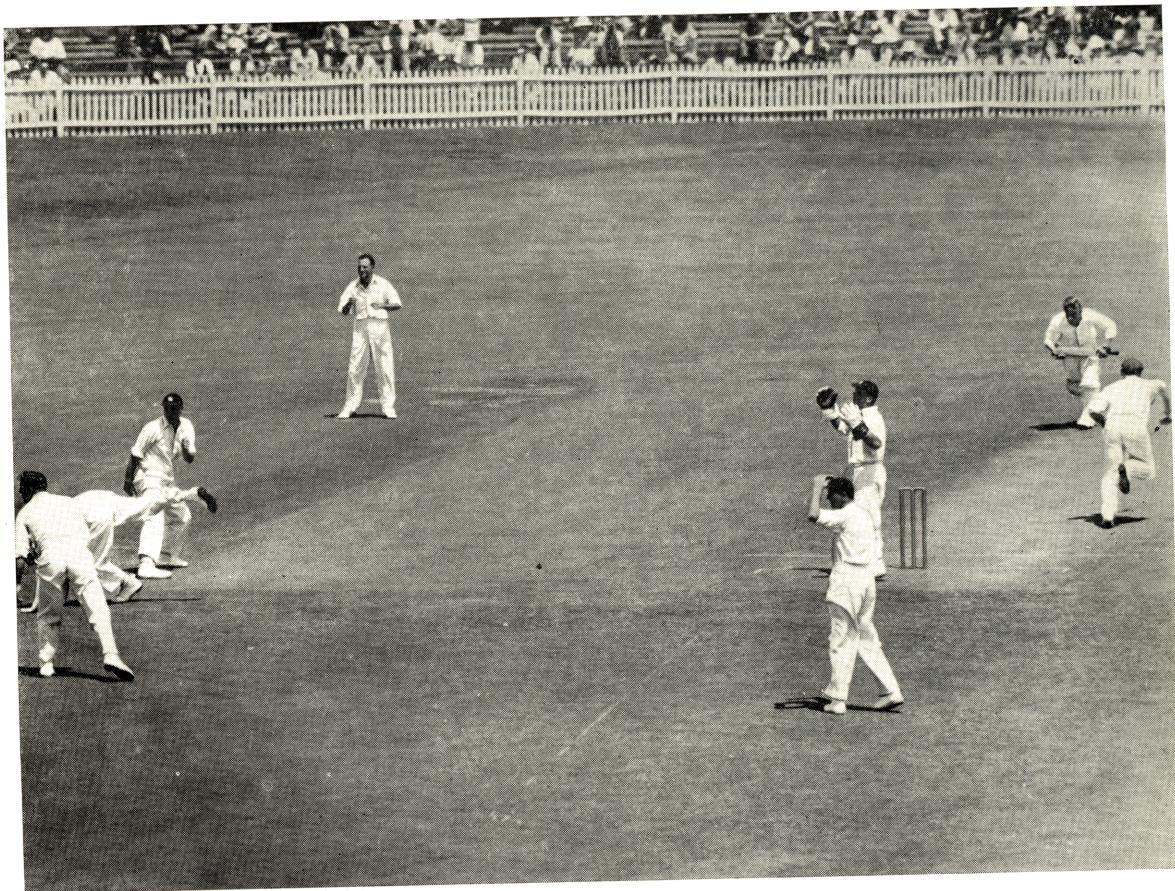
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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Young Players Help N.S.W. Defeat M.C.C.

The N.S.W. team made some amends for the failure of Australia in the Tests, by beating the M.C.C. outright by 45 runs — in a game full of interest. A feature of the State team was the introduction of several young players, who proved well worthy of inclusion. Picture shows youngsters Peter Philpott and Brian Booth (46 and 74 runs, respectively) in a first innings partnership that yielded 83 runs — and was a big factor in their team's success.

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KEEPING POSTED

OVERSEAS travel is becoming more and more a part of our lives as transport improves and some of the difficulties are removed. Travel is still an adventure, but a less remarkable adventure than it was even twenty years ago. Each month sees quite a number of members off on trips that take them around the world and back; those departing are balanced by those returning. And among the latter this month were Mick Tobin — back from New Zealand; and, of course, Cecil Manion. J. Levenson, too—back from 'Frisco and Vancouver.

NOTICE

Members are notified that no restriction will be placed on the number of visitors members may introduce to the Club.

M. D. J. Dawson,
Secretary.

A NUMBER of members have planned to go this year to England and the Continent—it is not always possible to name them all for our usual "bon voyage." Les Davie and W. F. Nelson both left for U.K. recently; best wishes to both for a pleasant journey and the best of good times over the other side of the world.

THE first floor was not quite the same without the presence of genial Tom Cook, away ill for quite a while. However, he was back briefly in the usual North-West corner, hopes soon to be completely restored to good health.

IT was pleasant to see that several of our friends of the M.C.C. made use of the Club again on their return to Sydney for the match against N.S.W. and the Fifth Test. Both Len Hutton and Godfrey Evans paid us a visit early, followed by several others of the team. It has been a pleasure and an honour to entertain them.

SATURDAY, 26th February, marked another grand night in the Club's Dinner-Dance-Concert series. Although the evening was seasonably warm, there was a full throng of members, their wives and friends. There seems little doubt that these nights in the Dining Room will increase in popularity and become an established feature of the Club's life . . . a happy return to the days when members made the Club the centre of their social scene.

EDITORIAL: Playing the Game

As the shouting and the tumult dies, and a distorted picture is brought into true perspective, people will realise that cricket is a game, not a combat.

Sport in many spheres is disturbed by tensions. Values are affected and, consequently, partisanship runs high.

Nobody, excepting the players and a proportion of the spectators, savour that which should be the common relish arising from a test of skill governed by rules that put fair dealing first.

Perhaps an upsurge of national fervour, even

racial rancour, accounts for much that is unwholesome. Sporting fields have become battlefields, more or less, from which neither victor nor vanquished emerges unscathed and not always with honour.

The British and the American people, in particular, should seek to pull down false standards and set up new ones; symbols of sport.

Some of us of a senior generation remember this as the established order. It must be regained. Each of us in our way can assist by playing the game according to the rules; by encouraging by our example others to do so.

Happy Birthday to You!

MARCH

1 A. J. Boulton	15 Ian Jacobson
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L. S. Maddrell	25 Mark Whitby,
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J. H. Pepper	26 J. A. Roles
11 J. H. E. Nathan	M. Frank Albert
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F. Vockler, Snr.	S. J. Hart
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13 L. B. Isaacs	A. W. Lander
H. E. Herman	29 G. J. C. Moore
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	31 J. L. McDermott
	G. R. Bryden

APRIL

1 Dr. N. Rau	11 R. Price
Judge Rainbow	J. S. Cumming
F. H. Bowes	C. G. D. Allman
Dr. T. E. Gibson	E. M. Fanker
A. J. Alsop	12 C. L. Fader
2 Alan Walker	R. L. McKinnon
3 J. A. McQuade	J. S. Dunne
4 A. E. Mahony	B. A. Grace
D. P. Coughlan	F. G. Proctor
5 W. J. McIver	13 O. Keyser
S. P. Owen	W. A. McDonald
Arthur Norton	A. W. Andersson
J. E. Burley	14 F. N. Manhood
Dr. Bruce Williams	W. J. Bradley
6 G. E. Nagel	Q.C.
M. Toltz	R. E. Lay
7 R. S. Bailey	D. N. Merrett
N. R. Plomley	15 Ken A. Smith
J. H. G. Wilkes	F. E. Shepherd
L. C. Laurence	J. W. Nagel
9 Dr. F. A. Bellingham	Lewis Ross
P. R. Harnett	H. R. Alexander
Geo. Gibson	R. H. Fleming
Charles Dunk	E. W. Newman
S. Cremer	17 R. H. Nuttall
10 Mr. Justice Dovey	Dr. R. G. Mc Kay
K. A. Bennett	
J. L. Gibbs	
B. G. Cupit	

JOCK DOW, back from a pleasant but rather hot trip to New Guinea, was particularly impressed by the care given to the Australian War Graves up there. There'll be a photograph in this issue — if we can borrow it from him in time.

*SYMPATHY for the Sick List:
To David Mackie, now in Royal Newcastle Hospital; and to Ted Murray, also ill, in hospital. Our best wishes to you, and to any other members on the List, for a speedy return to good health.*

TWO more projected departures: Alee Lash — to Japan; B. Loneragan — to England. Bon Voyage!

IN case you miss seeing the Notice further on in this issue: There is now no quota on the purchase of local bottled beer. Australian cigarettes or Scotch whisky, from the provisions department on the first floor.

18 Dr. M. J. Slatery	Dr. W. Llewellyn Rees
12 C. L. Fader	A. L. Bragg
20 R. L. McKinnon	Peter Williams
13 J. S. Dunne	Harry W. Smith
19 O. Keyser	19 T. W. Reid
14 F. N. Manhood	J. Levenson
15 Ken A. Smith	A. E. Abrahams
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E. W. Newman	21 F. H. Brown
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	23 D. Lotherington
	J. G. Perry
	A. T. Cusick
	24 J. Mandel
	R. B. McFadyen
	25 Hector Reid
	E. A. Westhoff

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

GRAND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

GRAND SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

Entries Close 5th April
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JUST a reminder: That the Lounge on the Fourth Floor is now open and drinks will be served, up till midnight — Monday to Saturday.

N. S.W. TROTTING CLUB president, A. T. Cusick, with vice-president, J. R. Reeves, is over in New Zealand at the moment, representing the Trotting Club at the Inter-Dominion Championships in Auckland. He should have an enjoyable time — grand hospitality and some grand racing.

★ DANCING and CONCERT NIGHT

Dining Room, Saturday 26th March, 1955

Commencing 6.30 p.m.

Cover Charge, 5/- per person

Reservations may be made at Club Office



IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

Popular Victory for Viv. Thicknesse

Stodd

Ex-Australian star half-back Viv. Thicknesse took his first Point Score with the Swimming Club when he tied with Bob Harris in the January-February series.

VIV. has been swimming with the Club for some seasons, but inability to race every week has stood in the way of his taking more honours. His belated victory was a very popular one.

It will be remembered that Viv. was a really great half-back in his day when he represented Australia many times. He was also a star water polo player and helped N.S.W. to victory in interstate series on a number of occasions.

In the Australian Swimming Championships at Adelaide his niece, Pam, represented N.S.W. in the Junior Diving Championship, she being a daughter of Viv's brother, Jack, whose wife was formerly Lesley Thompson, an Australian Empire Games representative diver.

Right up to the last event at the series it was a mighty go with three performers, Thicknesse, Harris and Harvie level and Dexter half a point behind. All these swimmers qualified for the finals, Thicknesse and Harris winning one each, with Harvie second and Dexter third in one.

Welcome is given to John Hansor on joining the swimmers. He's not a bad goer, either. As he put it, "I've tried most other departments in the Club and have decided to have a go at the Third Floor." Don't think you'll regret it, John.

Glad to see Sid Sernack back on deck. He has been suffering from a bit of illness, but his form isn't so bad.

Arthur Allsop had his first race during the month, but so far has not notched a winning bracket. Aided by an extra second, it should not be long before he lands one.

A fine performance was put up by John Brice when he came again to be just pipped by Viv Thicknesse in a final. John has been out of luck recently and he may be still that way, for we heard a whisper that the Handicapper had his eye on him with a view to relaxing his handicap a wee bit just on the day John made his good burst.

We wonder why the occupants of a lunch table in the pool rose and stood with bowed heads in silence when Fred Daly took his place there. Enquiries revealed something about redistribution of Federal seats, but that's all we could find out.

Jack Dexter had a tough day one race day when, with Sam Block away on holidays, John Gunton still on the indisposed lists, and Clive Hoole and Arthur McCamley away in Melbourne, he found himself without the regular staff of officials.

Mick Murphy, John Dexter, Junior, and Stu. Murray filled the bill, but struck the greatest collection of close finishes ever and they now have a feeling of

sympathy for the regular judges when decisions are queried.

Glad to see in the Pool as a guest of George McGilvray a man who has been a star diver for many years in Arthur O'Connor, who started with the A.S.A. Troupe as a mascot more years back than we care to remember. He still dives with the troupe and his flying one-and-a-half from the tower is a feature at the displays.

It was Arthur who, in an impassioned address on behalf of the divers at a Swimming Association meeting said: "I know divers are only swimmers with their brains bashed out, but they're human beings just the same and deserve a fair go." They got it.

In the "Native Son" Annual Point Score Harold Herman still leads and, though he has put a larger gap between himself and his closest rival of last month, Frank Muller, he is now threatened for the lead by Bob Harris, who is only 3½ points astern, with Muller a further 5½ away.

Geoff Laforest, Fred Harvie and Harry Davis are all in the running.

Best time of the month was by Bill Williams, at 21.3, Dick Dowling, with 21.4, being next best, followed by Bob Harris 21.5, Fred Harvie 21.9, and Ken Francis and J. O. Dexter 22.

Results

25th January—

80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: C. Godhard and V. Thicknesse (50) 1, H. E. Davis and

F. Harvie (44) 2, K. Francis and G. Laforest (44) 3. Time, 49½ secs.

1st February—

40 yards Handicap, 1st Division Final: R. Harris (22) 1, W. Williams (22) 2, K. Francis (22) 3. Time, 21.6 secs. 2nd Division Final: R. Dowling (22) 1, J. O. Dexter (22) 2, F. L. Bowes (22) 3. Time, 22 secs.

8th February—

80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: G. Laforest and R. Harris (44) 1, J. O. Dexter and V. Thicknesse (46) and F. Harvie and F. L. Bowes (44) 2. Time, 43.7 secs.

15th February—

40 yards Handicap, 1st Division Final: V. Thicknesse (24) 1, J. C. Brice (24) 2, P. Lindsay (25) 3. Time, 23.1 secs. 2nd Division Final: R. Harris (22) 1, F. Harvie (22) 2, C. Godhard (26) and J. O. Dexter (22) 3. Time, 21.6 secs.

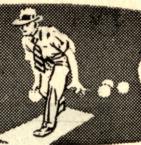
“Native Son” Point Score

At 18th February the leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, were: H. Herman 78, R. Harris 75½, F. Muller 70, G. Laforest 69½, F. Harvie 68½, H. E. Davis 67, S. Murray 64½, C. Godhard 60, B. Chiene 57, J. O. Dexter 57, A. Stewart 56½, R. Corrick 53½, P. Lindsay 53, C. Hoole 52½, V. Thicknesse 52, J. N. Creer 50½, T. Barrell 44, R. Dowling 44, C. B. Phillips 44, F. Daly 43½, F. L. Bowes 37, W. Kendall 36½, R. Burnham 35, W. Williams 34, K. Francis 33½, A. McCamley 33, P. Williams 31½.

January-February Point Score

Final results of this series:— V. Thicknesse and R. Harris 25½, 1; F. Harvie 24½, 3; J. O. Dexter, 22½, 4; R. Dowling, 20½, 5; C. Godhard and W. Williams 20, 6; F. L. Bowes 19½, 8; H. E. Davis 19, 9; G. Laforest 18½, 10; P. Lindsay 16, 11; H. Herman 15½, 12; S. Murray 15, 13; F. Daly 14½, 14; K. Francis 14, 15.

BOWLING NOTES



Joe Harris, Les Fingleton Take Club's Pairs

In the Semi-finals of the Club's Pairs Handicap, E. Abbott and S. Relton battled on well to defeat B. Fay and R. Spencer by a margin of 8 points but went down to W. Simpson and I. Silk by 24 points.

IN the final Joe Harris and Les (Crooner) Fingleton put up a sparkling and meritorious performance to come from behind on the sixteenth end to score on the last four ends and run out comfortable winners by 8 points. Congratulations, and a very popular win.

The Trophy game again proved very interesting, and looks very much like being a regular Thursday feature. Chairman of Selectors, Ken Williams, showed some bright forethought in his selection of Joe Saulwick, Arthur Gillespie, Dick Relton, and Ted Davis as skippers in these games, and they all acquitted themselves with honour—especially Arthur Gillespie, with Bert Levey and Alex Buckle they took out first prize from the well-fancied rink skippered by Jackie Monro with Fred Empson and Fred Gawler to make up the strength.

Nice to see Ted Abbott back to his usual form and finding those ditchboards to his liking.

The Tuesday Knock-out Competition is moving along nicely under the careful eye of Hon. Secretary Alex Buckle, and, despite interruptions caused by rain, ten teams were able to

complete their first round and results are as follow:—

H. Quinton, N. Taylor, R. Reid, E. Nettheim (Lakes Golf), 17; C. Johnstone, J. Trainor, E. Foster, M. Harris (Nat. Bank), 15; F. Bulley, B. Taylor, W. Kay, W. Bale (Manly Surf), 30; F. Kirby, D. Aarons, M. Valkenburg, V. Watson (N.S.W. Club), 17; J. Fawcett, C. Neville, J. Stoner, H. Peters (A.N.Z. Bank), 19; A. Graham, F. Gawler, C. McPherson, Geo. Webster (Cinema), 18; F. Buckle, C. Miller, T. Andrews, Alan Kippax (Cricketers), 31; W. Plumb, P. Lusher, A. Hood, N. Mills (Woollahra Council), 15.

Another “highlight” during the month was the win of Geo. Lewis, Fred Vockler and Cedric Emanuel with a score of 48 points over such seasoned opponents as Fred Harris, Jack Pick and Gordon Booth — 4 points — the score card was misplaced, but have been assured by the “Chief” that the score was correct, even assisted by giving a Bowl for Bowl description.

The list of Tattersall's Bowlers is still gradually mounting and the latest recruit is John Fuller, a stalwart of Double Bay, and one of its first patrons.



*.. and here is
your compere
JOHN DUNNE*

There aren't very many men who have been personalities over the air for twenty-five years — practically the lifetime of commercial radio in Sydney. And for those few, radio people and radio listeners, advertising agents and sponsors have a very special niche in their hearts and a high regard in their sales records. For radio was tough, mighty tough, in the early 'thirties, and a man had to have a very special kind of salesmanship if he were to survive in it.

ASK the experts to name this select few, and they will give you a gravel-voiced gentleman at 2KY; a smooth-voiced gentleman at 2UW; and, for certain, our own fellow-member, John Dunne — generally labelled as "at 2SM," although his present broadcasts are in fact also over 2UE and the Major Network.

In 1931, when John first became a full-time announcer with the newly-opened 2SM, it was quite the accepted practice for an announcer to peddle the virtues of his station almost door-to-door in his hours "off," in the hopes of picking up a new client. Then he compounded his selling story for the client and projected his salesmanship over the air. If the cash-register rang merrily the next day, all was well; if not, the client became an ex-client and the radio man was one step nearer to becoming an ex-announcer.

John Dunne survived those huckster days, and emerged

with the intangible and unteachable knack of being able to project his personality and "sell over the air." During the war, almost by accident he found that he had another knack—the ability to enlist people's sympathy, to persuade his listeners to help a worthy cause, to get people to give money and goods.

John began this side of his career almost by accident. When he was broadcasting an amateur show during the war a woman rang to say that she wanted a pair of hairclippers to send to a soldier in New Guinea. John Dunne mentioned it on his programme and almost immediately offers started pouring into the studio by telephone. John was quick to realise the possibilities of such appeals and started a special session called the Forces Appeal Hour, broadcast from the British Centre in Hyde Park. Listeners sent him even pianos and refrigerators for servicemen. He found accommodation for lonely sol-

diers down on leave — even bought a house for one incapacitated serviceman with £2,000 that was subscribed in less than an hour.

When Colgate-Palmolive decided to broadcast a radio quiz show called "Strike It Rich" in Australia, they went to unusual lengths to secure John as compere. They considered that John was just the right man to repeat or surpass the success that Strike It Rich had enjoyed in the States, where it is broadcast five nights a week on television and repeated over radio. John was reluctant to sever his association with 2SM, which he had helped to build from almost nothing in 1931 to a powerful force in 1952. So the sponsors unusually agreed to add 2SM to the 2UE Major Network group; and John accepted the compromise.

"Strike It Rich" is, of course, a Quiz in which four people who want help are given the chance of winning about £100 between them, by each answering a

series of four questions. Apart from this prizemoney, listeners are invited to subscribe on the 'phone — what the programme calls the Heart Line. Mostly the money subscribed this way greatly exceeds the amount won in prizes — and that, of course, is due to the art of John Dunne. An added interest is given to the show by the fact that one contestant of the four is represented over the air by some prominent personality called the Helping Hand.

Mostly, John does his own interviewing of prospective contestants, firstly to check on their deservingness, second to get some idea of how they will respond over the air — for the show is a "live" one, and is not pre-recorded. He sees the personalities, too, and generally chooses lunch at the Club as the best way of making their acquaintance. He has introduced quite a list of celebrities to us this way — Keith Miller, Ritchie Benaud, Allan Davidson; Vic Seixas, Tony Trabert, Ham Richardson; Jerry Colonna, Richard Murdoch, Allen Jones; Norman von Nida, Jim Ferrier, Porky Oliver . . . to name only a few.

Like many of the first-comers in radio, John began with music and the stage. Born in Sydney, his first job was a clerk at the wholesale firm of S. Hoffnung, while he did a five-year course at the Conservatorium. He finished the course a good but not brilliant pianist, and with a fair baritone voice . . . a voice good enough to gain him an audition from Hugh D. McIntosh when that gentleman heard him sing as an amateur at Katoomba. He got a job in the chorus of the *Lilac Domino* at the old Tiv, later rose to play

juvenile leads in musical comedy with J.C.W. He played in the Gladys Moncrieff specials — *Maid of the Mountains*, *Merry Widow*, *Katinka*, *My Lady Frayle*. He toured Australia and New Zealand with companies playing in the *New Moon*, *Belle of New York*, *Kissing Time*.

When he first went on stage for rehearsals for *My Lady Frayle*, the first person he spoke to was Bessie Blackwell — who later became Mrs. Dunne. Their house at Bellevue Hill is named Frayle. Mrs. Dunne well remembers that, when the party of young people she went around with were one short for an evening, someone suggested that they ask John Dunne to come — because he was "always hanging around." He has been around ever since — or until he entered radio; since then Mrs. Dunne claims she has been the original radio widow, restored to domestic continuity only since John has gained more normal hours since he took over *Strike It Rich*.

The way John entered radio is typical of him. On tour in Perth with a J.C.W. company, he saw an advertisement for an announcer for a new radio station about to open in Sydney. Back home, he applied for the job with about two thousand others. His only experience of broadcasting had been when he had sung over the air.

He decided it was no use waiting for his application to be considered with all the others, so he found out who had put in the advertisement. The advertiser was Monsignor Meany, who was launching 2SM. John wangled an interview — and got the job.

He made the first announcement when 2SM came on the air on December 31st, 1931. He

was the station's one-and-only announcer, starting with the breakfast session, did the lunchtime session, and was back again in the evening until the station closed at 10.30. After 22 years, on the death of Monsignor Meany, John left 2SM in 1953 to work exclusively for Colgate Palmolive; and not the least attraction of the job was the civilised working hours.

Although radio has proved an exacting profession for John, it has had many compensations. He has interviewed almost every prominent personality in Australia and those who have visited the country in the last 25 years, including singers John Charles Thomas, Richard Crooks, Lawrence Tibbett; George Formby, Tommy Trinder, Irish leader de Valera; in fact, hundreds of celebrities.

He regards interviewing as the most difficult art in radio. "You meet so many people with widely differing interests you need to study a huge range of subjects to be able to sound sensible when you are talking to them," he says. His knowledge of music and the stage enables him to speak confidently with musicians and actors; but for interviews with, say, a boxer like Jimmy Carruthers, a politician like the N.S.W. Premier, Mr. Cahill, or a Malayan Scoutmaster, he usually has to do some preliminary study.

He often learns more at the interviews themselves — as when he asked the former commander of the Queen Mary, Sir James Bissett, who was a helping hand on *Strike It Rich*, what year Magna Carta was signed. "It wasn't signed, it was sealed," said Sir James briskly. "In those days barons

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JOHN DUNNE *from previous page*

couldn't write; it was sealed, and the date was 1215." Sir James was an authority — he had kept one of the rare copies of the original Charter under his bed for safekeeping when the Queen Mary was transferring art and historic treasures to America during the war.

Interviewing old people on a session he ran for years called Fifty And Over, gave John some of his biggest laughs. Questioning a whiskered old bullocky before a live mike and a studio audience, John played safe by warning the old man that swearing was taboo. All went smoothly until the old fellow came to play a whistle as his contribution — and found the whistle blocked up. "Curse the blasted bloody thing," he snapped before technicians could cut him off the air.

An old woman gave him the best audience laugh John has ever heard. He asked her how long she had been married, got the answer, "Forty years." Next

question was, had she made any promises on the eve of her wedding on how she would behave during her married life. She said, "Yes, I swore I would never have any children." John said, inevitably, "And did you have any children?" With a pause that any actor would have envied, and with a look that spoke more than words, the old lady broke up the party when she replied, "Yes — thirteen."

John Dunne has an impressive list of "firsts" in Australian radio. In 1934 he was sent to America and Europe and on his return introduced many new ideas over 2SM. Australia's first quiz show, Cuckoo Court; the first Amateur Hour; the first of the "family" programmes — One Man's Family; the first regular session of interviews — In Town To-night. And John built Australia's first radio audience auditorium at 2SM. But the programme that has probably given him most satisfaction has been his Our

Gang session for youngsters, started 23 years ago.

Among the talented children who were in the Gang were Ron Randell, and B.B.C. star, Joy Nichols. John once acted with Ron Randell in the Australian film, "Smithy" — he played the part of Kingsford Smith's brother. Other "Our Gangsters" include violiniste Gwenda Colgan and prima ballerina Kathleen Gorham. And yet another was June Miller, who a week or two ago married Romano's son, Lorenzo — John Dunne was at the wedding.

One of the most satisfying of his early broadcasts was the opening of the Harbour Bridge. John's description for 2SM was relayed to the world over the new-fangled short-wave. Tipped off that N.S.W. Premier Jack Lang was not going to be the first to open the bridge, John was alert for the De Groot incident, and his commentary was a "scoop."

John Dunne has been so busy over the years that he has had little time for much outside of radio. Golf for many years; now bowls — he is a pennant player, a stalwart of Double Bay. For the rest, you can well judge him for yourself; he is often enough in the Club. And it is not hard to find the secret of his success in gaining people's support and sympathy — for he is so obviously a man who loves his fellow men.

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In February, 1800, there arrived in Sydney a young Irishman named James Meehan, who had played a minor part in the Irish Rebellion of 1798. He had been trained as a surveyor, and in accordance with the practice of the times, advantage was taken of his professional knowledge, so that he was assigned as an assistant to the Government Surveyor.

HE did his work so well that he received a full pardon six years after his arrival and in 1812, after another six years, was made deputy Surveyor-General, which office he held until his retirement in 1821.

Meehan was a man of great industry, and considerable ability, and though he could have made use of his position to enrich himself, was scrupulously honest. He discovered Lake Bathurst and the Goulburn Plains, and made other important exploring journeys. For his services he received a grant of 2,000 acres at Macquarie Fields, where he died in 1826.

Governor Macquarie had a high opinion of him, and wrote: “There is not a more useful officer serving under this Government.” But nothing establishes his ability more definitely than the fact that he selected the site of St. Mary’s Cathedral. This magnificent Gothic pile, which directly faces us as we look across Hyde Park from the windows and the roof of Tattersall’s Club building, occupies the most splendid site of any church in the city of Sydney, and it says much for the wisdom as

well as for the imagination of James Meehan that he chose the site in opposition to the wishes of the parish priest of the day, Father Therry, and the Catholic community, who desired their cathedral to be located west of George Street.

It has to be remembered that at that time the site did not look too promising. It was of little value, in an unenviable position, a considerable distance away from the existing settlement, the terrain rocky, with a decided slope eastward, close to the convict barracks and a garbage tip. It was then away in the bush, but it will now be agreed that Meehan was wiser than the contemporaries of his day and a man who could envision the future, for St. Mary’s Basilica, as the cathedral is now officially known, has one of the most desirable sites of any church in any port of Australia.

Though the grant was made in 1821, it was not until 1834 that the deeds of the land were issued, so that full legal possession of the land upon which St. Mary’s is built has been held for over a hundred years. The present building, however, is not

the building that was first erected upon the land. The foundation stone of the original church — the first Roman Catholic Church in Australia — was laid on October 29, 1821, by Governor Macquarie. It was dedicated on June 29, 1836, and on June 29, 1865, was totally destroyed by fire. “At sunset, it was the grandest building in Australia. At midnight, it was a Dantesque ruin,” says a report made at the time of the fire.

The cause of the fire was attributed to some burning charcoal from the censer being scattered on the floor during a service on that fatal evening. Shortly afterwards Archbishop Polding said: “Though St. Mary’s now lies lowly, as it were in her tomb, yet shall she rise again more glorious and more stately than heretofore.” His words were prophetic, as the present-day St. Mary’s is now the most imposing church in the State, perhaps in the Commonwealth.

Passing across the City Bowling Green, we come next to the Australian Museum. This is one of the city’s oldest institutions, having passed the century mark, but not in the present building. The Museum was constantly on the move from 1830, when it was first housed where the Lands Office now stands, and later was located (a) in the Legislative Council Chambers,

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(b) in Judge Forbes' house at Bridge and Gresham Streets, (c) in the Surveyor-General's office, (d) in Darlinghurst Courthouse. At last, in 1849, the Museum found a permanent home in the north wing of the present building.

The Museum is a place that most Sydney men have visited during their schooldays, but seldom again in later years; most of the adults who "go to the Museum" are sightseers from the country and from other States. It is worth visiting again, partly to revive old memories, partly to discover that there have been great advances in the way that museum collections are now displayed.

Next to the Museum on the right is an earlier building, in which many members of the Club learned the three R's; their education has been completed in various ways since then. This is the Sydney Grammar School, which was opened in January, 1835. It was then called the Sydney College, and from this building College Street obtained its name. The land upon which it is built was granted by Governor Brisbane in 1825, the foundation stone was laid on Anniversary Day in 1830 by the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Forbes, who predicted in his speech that the school would become "the cradle of good husbands, good fathers, and good sons" — sentiments that were accompanied by a salute of twelve guns fired in

honour of the occasion. "Grammar" has left its impress on the State's history through the men it has trained in their school days. It was closed from 1847 to 1857, but for a few years of that time was occupied by the University of Sydney, which had its beginning in this historic building in October, 1852.

The gateway to the eastern suburbs, Oxford Street, which commences at the south-eastern corner of Hyde Park, received that name only in the mid-seventies. Previously it was part of the Old South Head Road, access to which commenced at the corner of George and Goulburn Streets. It was one of the first roads made in the colony and was made to connect Sydney with the South Head Light. For many years it was a favourite carriage drive, the road winding along the top of the ridge heading the glens of Woolloomooloo and Barcom Glen, with wonderful views of the harbour for miles. The revenue for its maintenance was derived from turnpike tolls.

When Sydney was in its infancy its main source of water supply was the Tank Stream, the tanks being cut in the rocks near the present junction of Pitt and Hunter Streets. The Tank Stream followed roughly the line of Hamilton Street. From being the source of water supply it became the main sewer of the town. The domestic water was supplied by public and private wells, and natural springs were utilised. Governor Macquarie

had temples erected over these natural springs, one of which gave its name to Spring Street. Another was in Macquarie Place, where Mort's Statue stands.

After Macquarie came Brisbane, who was faced with the task of providing the growing town with an adequate water supply. John Busby reported in favour of bringing the water from the Lachlan Swamps, now part of Centennial Park, and extending through Kensington to Botany Bay. This scheme was eventually carried out. It involved the construction of a tunnel two and a quarter miles long, driven for the most part through sandstone rock, from the swamps to the south-eastern corner of Hyde Park (opposite Lyons terrace, which has since been demolished) and it was from "Busby's Bore" that the city's water supply came until about 1857.

At the junction of Bathurst and Elizabeth Streets a dignified obelisk was erected in 1857. It looks like Cleopatra's Needle, but is in reality a ventilating shaft, and with typical humour the locals of the day christened the monument "George Thornton's Smelling Bottle," George Thornton being Mayor at the time.

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HANDBALL



Championship Games Make Slow Progress

The Handball Club Championships commenced very slowly, the results to date being as shown in the chart on Page 24.

THE only game completed in the A Grade was that between George McGilvray and Fred Harvie, which resulted in a very comfortable win for George. Fred commenced very well and, getting into form almost immediately, led 4-1 after the first five games. George then settled down and played handball as only he can play and from then onwards the result was never in doubt. The scores were 21-13, 21-7. It was hard luck for Fred to meet the champion in the first round, but such is the luck of the draw.

In the B Grade, Peter Williams has advanced to the Semi-Finals, after a forfeit from John Shaffran and an excellent win over Colin Chatterton. Colin was obviously out of form in the first set, but settled down in the second, which was an excellent game. Peter won the match 21-7, 21-15, and de-

served his win, but congratulations to Colin Chatterton for his fine effort in the second set. Congratulations, Peter!

In the C Grade, Ken Francis has had two very nice wins, and has advanced to take his place in the Semi-Finals. Ken defeated Trevor Barrell 21-7, 21-19, and Alan Stewart 21-14, 21-12. In the game with Trevor Barrell, Ken had an easy victory made possible by Trevor making too many errors. If you concentrated more seriously, Trevor, you could improve your game out of sight and would be very hard to defeat in one of the future handicap events.

In the game against Allan Stewart, Ken had a much harder struggle. Allan, in his first competition appearance, made a very bold showing and, though defeated, showed very good form. Congratulations, Ken, on two fine wins!

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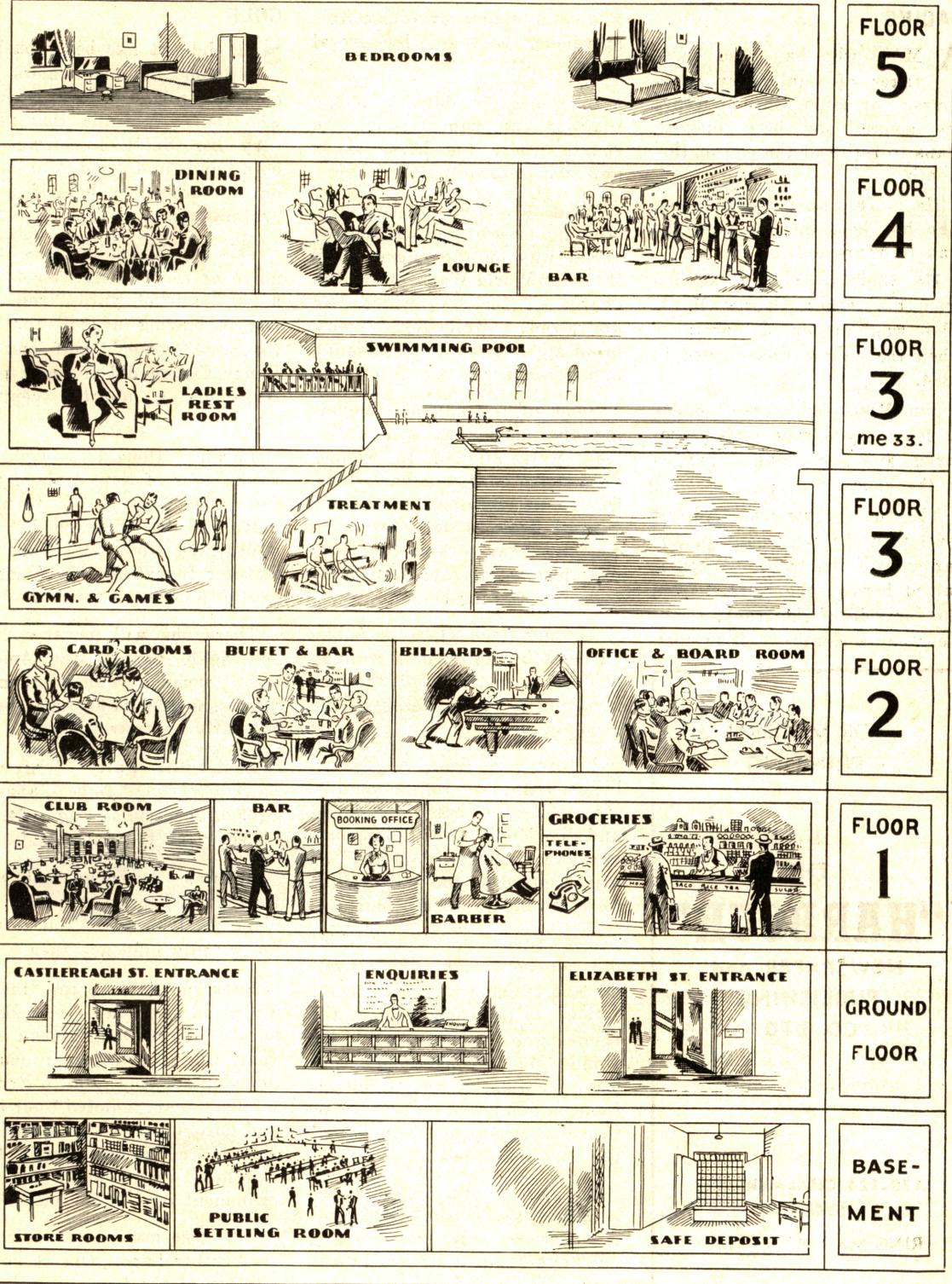
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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

RACING

A MAN who has been caretaker of Canterbury racecourse for 60 of the 71 years the course has been opened, plans to retire at the end of this month.

He is 78-year-old Jim Monk, who has held the job since he was 18 years old.

He took over the position from his father, George Monk, who was appointed caretaker when the course was opened in 1884.

Jim Monk has served under at least seven race club secretaries and seen many changes in the course.

The course first was laid out level with the river bank on the far side of the track. When it rained heavily the river flooded the far side of the track, sometimes to a depth of four feet.

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The club finally overcame this by raising the course by several feet.

In the early days a public roadway ran right through the course where the horse stalls now are.

What Mr. Monk misses most from the present track is the zoo which was on the course until the First World War. He was in charge of the zoo, which had kangaroos, wallabies, emus, brolgas, curlews, pheasants, and kookaburras.

Some of the animals, including the pheasants and wallabies, were allowed to wander around the course on race days. Once, he recalls, a wallaby jumped from a tree on to a woman's back, knocking her over just as she was waiting to collect a winning bet.

Another time, when the public bar was in the open, a wallaby skidded along the top of the bar, knocking all the glasses to the ground.

Before the days of trains, buses and taxis to the course, the club had its bank at Ashfield and Jim Monk, although a comparative youngster, acted as armed guard on the sulky which took the money to the bank.

The race club's secretaries did not believe in giving owners and trainers too much temptation. In the early days of the Canterbury course all the stands had wooden floors with the exception of the weighing-room, which had a concrete floor to make sure no one could tamper with the scales.

The best horse he has known? . . . Rivoli, whom he claims was a sensational track galloper and one of the fastest stayers he has ever seen.

GOLF

SHE did not like being pushed around by the rulers of amateur golf, so Jean Donald, who tours Australia this year, took her Scottish courage in both hands and decided to carve out a career for herself as a professional.

This supple, smiling lass from north of the border, who drives a golf ball 250 yards from the tee, is blazing a trail for the future in women's golf just as Henry Cotton did for men professionals a quarter century ago.

Jean Donald's eighteen weeks' tour of New Zealand and Australia, from March to mid-July, will be climaxed by her appearance in the Tam o' Shanter tournament in America on the homeward journey.

There she will measure herself again against the American women money-spinners whom she met as an amateur in the early postwar years.

Last year Patty Berg won £5,700 sterling, Babe Zaharias £5,000, and Louise Suggs £4,500 in American tournaments.

It was American influence that forced upon her the decision to turn pro. But it was no friendly influence then.

Back in 1952, on the famous Muirhead golf course near Edinburgh, where Doug Bachli last year won the amateur championship for Australia, a British women's team inflicted their first and only defeat on an American side in the annual Curtis Cup matches. Jean Donald played a prominent part in the victory.

The Americans took their defeat rather hard. One resentful member of the team rushed into

print in a golfing magazine with the accusation that half the British team were virtually professionals.

That was hitting directly at Jean and the English champion, Bunty Stephens. Both then were employed by golf equipment manufacturers as advisers on women's golf.

When she first took the job in 1950, Jean Donald's employers sought a ruling from the Royal and Ancient, who said that, so long as she merely advised on women's golf, and did not allow her name to be used in advertising, her amateur status was unimpaired.

But by 1953 the Americans, smarting under their defeat, had brought such pressure to bear on Britain that the Ladies' Golf Union issued its ukase: Women golfers must not work for golf

equipment firms after December, 1953.

Bunty Stephens, who also will be seen in Australia this year, as a member of the official British touring team, at once quit her job, to preserve her amateur status.

But the fighting blood of the McDonalds, the McAlisters and the Forbes, united in Jean Donald's wiry frame, was up. She dug her toes in.

In November, 1953, Jean quit amateur golf rather than her old job — then gave it up, anyway, to accept an offer from a prominent sporting goods manufacturer to embark on a career as a full-time professional.

"I hate to do this," she said, in announcing her decision. "It has been forced on me. I always loved to play for my club, my country, and for Britain. I feel I have not transgressed the

rules laid down for amateurs, so I cannot honestly resign my position."

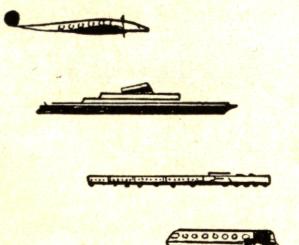
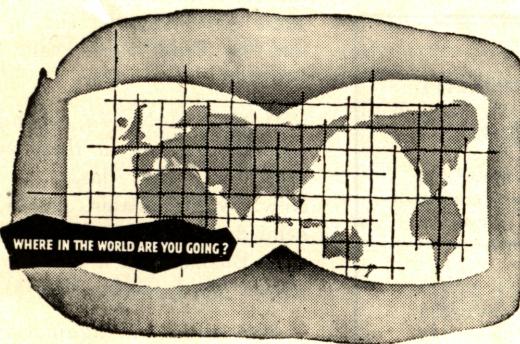
Brown-haired Jeanie now has some silver streaks to show for her 33 years, but this sturdy Scotswoman exudes a youthful vitality. Her grey-blue eyes, set deep in a slim face weathered by long days on wind-swept golf courses, are usually sparkling with friendly humour.

Her cheery smile, rarely missing for long even with the toughest battle on her hands, her self-assurance and sense of responsibility, have helped to give her a distinct, likeable personality that Australians will appreciate.

BOWLS

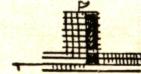
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champion. But it took 66-year-old, gentlemanly Charlie McNeill, of Hamilton Club, Newcastle, New South Wales, to prove it, during the Australian championships in Melbourne in January.

Bowlers have been used to seeing their champions tottered from their thrones in Australian titles. The first 13 National singles titles held from 1912 to 1948 were won by 13 different players. But then came a great singles exponent, Glyn de V. Bosisto, of Victoria, who seemed likely to prove unbeatable and continue to win the title for so long as he held his form. But this year saw him humbled.

McNeill, tall, erect, a bowler for 38 years, had given up hope of winning the singles and had

gone to Melbourne to try to win the National pairs title with Cyril Comins. McNeill's wife, Una, also didn't expect him to win, thinking that if anyone beat Bosisto it would be a younger man than her husband. Only a married daughter gave "Pop" a hope.

But McNeill not only beat Bosisto in a memorable quarter-final, but went on to become the first New South Wales player to win the coveted title. The match against Bosisto was rated by veterans who saw it, as the best singles game ever played in Victoria. It was a story of one player and then the other resting a toucher off the jack.

McNeill has found through experience that it is the player

who finds touch first who usually wins a big singles match, particularly when it is only 21 points up, as all National matches are until the semi-final and final, which are 31 up.

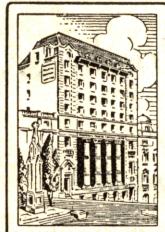
Both McNeill and Bosisto quickly picked up the pace of the green and the match went on to a thrilling climax. The score was 19-all, when what proved to be the last end started. Bosisto drew to within two inches of the jack, but McNeill's third rested him off and took his place. McNeill drew the absolute with his fourth, a shot that Bosisto failed to disturb and McNeill ran out game with two shots.

McNeill, looking back over the match, which will be discussed for years among bowlers, thinks that Bosisto made a fatal mistake midway through the match. Bosisto drew a front toucher but with his second bowl, in an attempt to repeat the shot, he disturbed the jack. That gave McNeill the opening and he drew three very close counters.

It was McNeill's second win against Bosisto in their second meeting. They last met in a New South Wales single title semi-final in 1931, but McNeill says Bosisto is a much improved player since then.

McNeill's final against Albert Newton, of Sydney's City Club, was a contrast of two bowling schools. McNeill, a model of style, even temperament and delicate touch; Newton, a volatile player who frequently drives.

McNeill describes the green at Middle Park Club, on which the final was played, as the fastest he has played on in 38 years of top class bowls. It was so fast that it was like playing downhill.



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McNeill said that when he handed the jack to Newton before a hushed crowd of more than 2,000 at the start of the game, Newton sent it into the ditch. Newton told McNeill later that he had intended to throw a short head but the pace of the green surprised him.

McNeill said that on one hand he had to draw the phenomenal distance of 20 ft. and 14 ft. on the other hand against the wind. He took aim at one end by using his daughter who was sitting in the crowd about 16 yards to the side of the kitty, as a "mark."

McNeill said that Newton's driving proved his undoing. McNeill wasn't worried when trailing 10-16, but was glad to be able to put shots near the kitty for Newton to attempt to drive out. McNeill played only three fast shots, Newton 16, according to one statistician.

The new champion had scored a total of 272 points to 142 in his 12 games of "sudden death" to win the title. Only two of his 10 opponents in the first 10 games of 21-up scored more than double figures. He

won his rounds by 21 to 7, 21 to 6, 21 to 8, 21 to 6, 21 to 9, 21 to 4, 21 to 17 (against Melbourne bowler Sol Glover), 21 to 6, 21 to 9, 21 to 19 (against Bosisto), the semi-final 31 to 23, and the final against Newton 31 to 28.

He has a magnificent bowling record in singles, pairs and fours since he took up bowls in 1917 when aged 29, mainly because a relative, the late J. Gould, was president of the Richmond River Association, the district where McNeill was born. At that time McNeill was a keen cricketer and on going to Newcastle played with Cathedral, as a medium paced bowler.

Joining Hamilton, the club for which he has played throughout his bowling career, in 1917, he played in No. 2 grade and then was made a second in the first grade. A year later he was promoted to third and in 1923, the year he won the first of his 15 club singles titles, was appointed a skipper in the first team. Since then he has always been a skipper for the club, which at one stage won the district championship for 14 years out of 16.

He won his first main title using old-fashioned wooden bowls, then imported some bowls which he describes as "having a centre like concrete with a vulcanised exterior." But one day, when one of his bowls was in the ditch, a member's cigar butt landed on it and the bowl burst into flames.

McNeill had another sent from England, later changed to the more modern composition bowl.

He believes that it is wrong for a bowler to play with a bowl too big for his hand. He says that the bowl should fit into the hand like a glove. Having a big hand himself he uses a 5-1/8 in. bowl weighing 3 lb. 7 oz.

The Hamilton star's great record includes wins in 73 big events besides many other competitions. His main wins are:—Singles — Australian, N.S.W. (3), Newcastle District (8), and Hamilton Club 15. McNeill has won the N.S.W. pairs championship four times, three with the late Tom Kinder and he now holds the title with Cyril

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Comins. He has also won the Newcastle District pairs nine times.

SWIMMING

WHILE Australia develops her Jon Henricks, Murray Rose, and Lorraine Crapp to shatter world records before they are 20, another great swimming nation takes the contrary view.

Hungary, champion of the Old World in water sports, has the backing of medical science in her claim that swimmers are better in their 20's — if they can spare the time to continue the hours of training that modern standards demand.

When the Hungarians go to Melbourne next year their main bid for gold medals will be by men swimmers in the 21 to 28 age group.

One of Hungary's best coaches, Istvan Hunyadfi, says that he and other Hungarian trainers are against youngsters coming up too quickly. "We start to teach them the fundamentals of correct swimming when they are very young," he said recently, "but we do not

press them to swim what you might call our ideal style until they are much older."

Exponents of the "ideal style" are in the water "morning and night." Valeria Gyenge, Olympic 400 metres freestyle champion; Eva Szekely, breaststroke champion; and other Hungarian women champions swim four miles a day when preparing for a title swim. Gyorgy Tumpék, who has revolutionised butterfly stroke with the dolphin kick, rarely swims less than five miles a day.

Australian coaches apparently are following the "ideal style," but, with teenagers, which, according to Hunyadfi, isn't good for them, as physical development outstrips the growth of heart and lungs.

Getting all scientific, Hunyadfi explains: "It is very difficult for the doctors to say when a teenager is on a level internally with the outward muscular development caused by swimming. We think it is better for a child to swim 200 metres less than he or she is capable of than two metres more.

"Our scientists have worked

out that a man reached his best physically between the ages of 30 and 32, and a woman at about 28. Theoretically, a swimmer should reach his or her best at 28 to 32. But most people cannot keep their interest in swimming that long. They have work, marriage, or something else that intervenes. Hungary is doing a great deal of research on that point. Our athletes do not come up so quickly as the Australians, and those of other countries, but we stay longer in the top level of world sport—usually five to six years.

In no other country in the world to-day does medicine work more closely with sport than Hungary, where the Government has established a National Institute of Health and Physical Education. Budapest, centre of the institute's laboratory work, has a modern clinic where detailed physical, nervous and mental examinations are made by expert scientists and doctors.

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ing enthusiasts like Prof. Frank Cotton are struggling to do with volunteer guinea-pigs in Australia. It certainly helps when the Government takes an interest. Last year the Hungarian Government subsidised sport and physical education to the tune of nearly £5m. sterling.

Results of this medical research is carefully card-indexed and compared. Coaches such as Hunyadfi, Imre Sarosi and Bela Rajki, director of the famous Margaret Island swimming pool on the Danube, at Budapest, base their training methods on the physical capabilities revealed by a swimmer in his medical tests.

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M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

N.B.—ENTRIES CLOSE at 3 P.M. on TUESDAY, 5th APRIL, 1955.

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comes out of the ground at 70 degrees centigrade (about 158 degrees Fahrenheit). This water, cooled to a reasonable temperature and fed into the swimming pools, allows Hungarians to swim in the open until the depth of winter in December. Then in March they begin to train for the summer season which opens in May.

That is important on a continent where the cold winter puts most sporting activity indoors for half the year.

While the others swim for three parts of the year in covered 25-metre pools, the Magyars are only out of their full-sized 50-metre pools for three months of the year. That is why Hungarian swimmers rarely fade at a finish.

Australia, too, is alive to the advantages of warm water swimming for most of the year. Before the Olympic and Empire Games when held in the north-

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The Magazine 21 Years Ago

Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ **March, 1934**

MARCH THE FIRST, 1934, saw the turn of yet another Club year. The Magazine of that date carried the usual reminder of the Annual Meeting, and a reminder, too, that there would be an election of Chairman, Treasurer and four of the eight members of the Committee. The Club had made solid progress during the year just past; membership had risen by nearly 200, finances were buoyant, the facilities had been greatly improved by the rearrangement of the dining rooms on the Fourth Floor. Apparently members considered the job well done, for the Officers were returned unopposed, headed by Bill Hill as Chairman — but perhaps that is anticipating a little as the elections were not held until May.

JACK UNDERHILL, Secretary of the Associated Racing Clubs, the forerunner in some ways of the present S.T.C., was leaving for abroad in March, 1934. A complimentary dinner was tendered to him on 26th March, organised by Reg Dansey, Alf Bloomfield and D. C. McLachlan. The dinner was extremely well attended, the Magazine reports — a sincere tribute to a popular man.

ANOTHER farewell party enjoyed during March, 1934, was in honour of Lionel Bloom, who was off to England — and greatly missed by the dominoes devotees, so it is recorded.

LOOKING out of the Elizabeth Street windows, members could see the approaching completion of the Anzac Memorial to the Servicemen and women of World War One. It was opened finally in October of 1934 by the Duke of Gloucester. Subscription lists for the building fund had been opened for some time, and on several occasions in the Club; and members had responded to the appeal in a manner that appeared to gratify the Anzac Memorial Campaign Committee.

AND now a mention of the sporting activities of March, 1934. The Golf Club had their Annual Meeting on 14th March; elected President was Bill Hill, Captain was Dr. Loudon. And as Hon. Secretary, a certain Mr. John Hickey. Meeting was adjourned early, and the Golf Club Dinner followed, with presentation of the year's trophies, and a fine time by all.

THE Swimming Club was also full of activity. Alec Richards was leading by six points from brother Vic in the Dewar Cup point score, with Ken Hunter another six points away third; it looked like an all-Richards fight for the final. Hans Robertson, club champion, had not been swimming for a while, although he had been a finalist in the recently-held Australian Championships. Cedric Turner was off to England during the month, and the swimmers held a special party in his honour.

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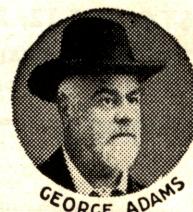
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MARCH

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	5
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	12
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Wed.	16
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	19
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	26

APRIL

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	2
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	9
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	11
*Australian Jockey Club	Wed.	13
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	16
*(Autumn Meeting) (At Randwick)		
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	20
City Tatt's Club (Randwick)	Sat.	23
Anzac Day Meeting (Randwick)	Mon.	25
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	30

MAY

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	7
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	14
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	21
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	25
Tattersall's Club (Randwick)	Sat.	28

JUNE

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	4
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Wed.	8
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	11
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	13
*(Winter Meeting) (At Randwick)		
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	18
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	25

JULY

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	2
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	9
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	16
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	20
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	23
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	30

AUGUST

A.J.C. (Randwick)	Mon.	1
(Bank Holiday Meeting)		
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	6
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	10
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	13
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	20
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	27

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	3
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	7
Tattersall's Club (Randwick)	Sat.	16
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	17
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	24

OCTOBER

*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	1
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	3
*Australian Jockey Club	Wed.	5
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	8
*(Spring Meeting) (At Randwick)		

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	12
City Tatt's Club (Randwick)	Sat.	15
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	22
A.J.C. (Randwick)	Sat.	29

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	5
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	12
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	19
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	23
A.J.C. (Randwick)	Sat.	26

DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Sat.	3
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury)	Wed.	7
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	10
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	17
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	24
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	26
*(Summer Meeting) (Randwick)		
A.J.C. (Randwick)	Tues.	27
Tattersall's Club (Randwick)	Sat.	31

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ern hemisphere, she sends her swimming team to tropical Townsville for special training and coaching.

Therefore, Australia's and Hungary's diametrically opposed theories as to when swimmers are at their peak get off to an even start as far as training methods and conditions are concerned. Since both countries have about the same population (9 million) it will be interesting to see how they fare at Melbourne next year.

Australia, despite her Henricks, Rose and Crapp, will have her work cut out to equal Hungary's last Olympic record of 16 titles, but who knows but what some of her success may be at the expense of the Hungarians.

OBITUARIES

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Elected 2/8/1917
Died 15/1/1955

W. H. HOLE

Elected 27/3/1950
Died 29/1/1955

R. J. WITHYCOMBE

Elected 28/11/1938
Died 29/1/1955

Dr. J. J. HOLLYWOOD

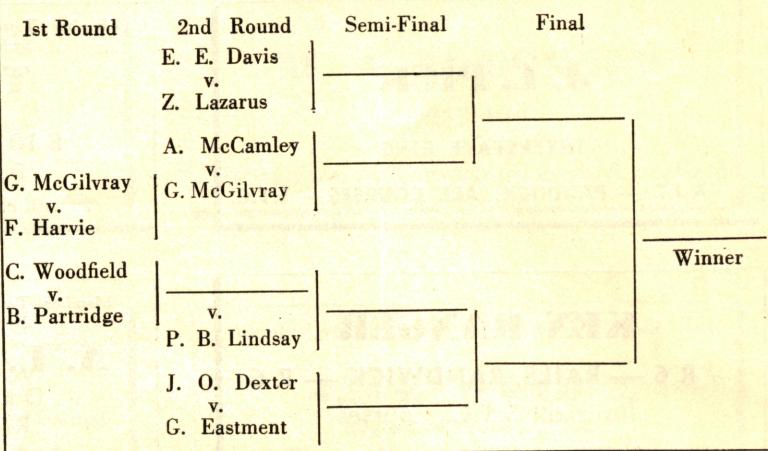
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W. H. MILHAM

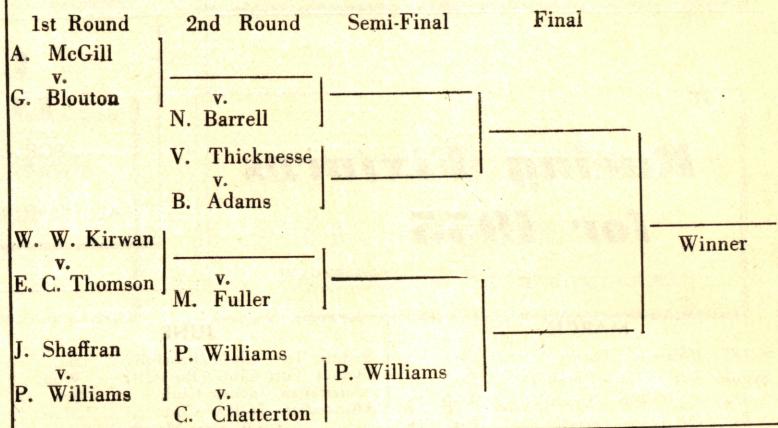
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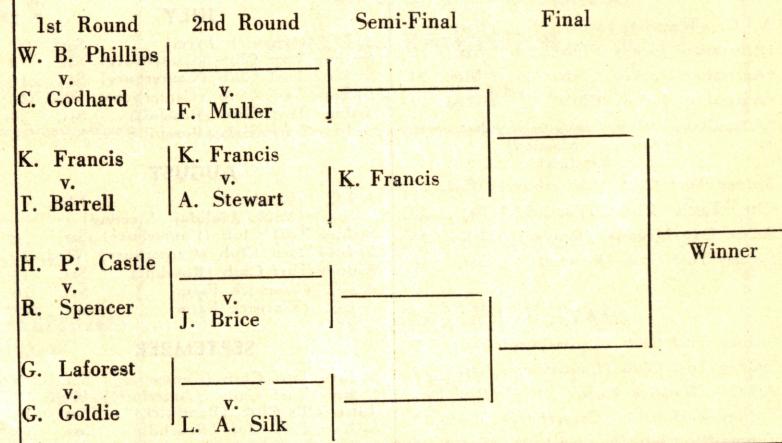
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